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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF PRAGUE TRIAL

REF PRAGUE 3306

1. SUMMARY: CONVICTED "SUBVERSIVE" OTTO ORNEST APPEAREAD A
SECOND TIME ON CZECHOSLOVAK TV NOVEMBER 19 TO LEVEL AN ATTACK ON
ALL CRITICS OF REGIME FROM JUSTICE GOLDBERG TO PCI ORGAN L'UNITA.
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER AND WHITE HOUSE WERE
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MENTIONED BY NAME AS ABETTING WHAT IS BEING CALLED AN ANTI-CZECHOSLOV
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CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

2. FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A WEEK, REPENTANT "SUBVERSIVE"
OTTO ORNEST HAS BEEN ENLISTED TO DEMONSTRATE GOC'S ANGER AT
CRITICS OF RECENT TRIAL AND OF CZECHOSLOVAK HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.

ASSERTING THAT THE TRIAL SERVED AS AN EXCUSE FOR AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG'S "ATTACKS" ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, TELEVISION COMMENTARY PRINTED IN RUDE PRAVO NOVEMBER 21 SAYS THOSE ATTACKS WERE NOT A PERSONAL INITIATIVE OF MR. GOLDBERG BUT WERE CARRIED OUT AT WHITE HOUSE INSTIGATION. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER IS NAMED AS HAVING MADE "SIMILAR ATTACKS."

3. OTHERS CHOSEN FOR SPECIFIC MENTION ARE "SEVERAL DUTCH MINISTERS," FORMER BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND "BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AGENT "

CECIL PARROTT, THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, DIE WELT, AND LA UNITA, WHICH IS CRITICIZED FOR A "LONG COMMENTARY" REPEATING SLANDERS OF THE "BOURGEOIS PRESS."

4. IN HIS TAPED STATEMENT, ORNEST, REPEATING REFRAIN THAT HE WISHES TO DISTANCE HIMSELF FROM THOSE IN WHOM HE WOULD MAKE HIM A "FALSE HERO," ALSO DENIED CHARTER 77 AND SAID HIS ONLY REGRET WAS THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SIGN THE REGIME-SPONSORED "ANTI-CHARTER," (BECAUSE HE WAS IN JAIL AT THE TIME SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN WAS ON.) HE LIKEWISE DISTANCED HIMSELF FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, WHICH HAS TAKEN UP HIS CASE. FROWICK

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